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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6624 NOTE PREPARED: Dec 27, 2009

BILL NUMBER: SB 157 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Motor Vehicle Coverage for All Operators.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Steele BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill requires a motor vehicle insurance policy to provide the same amount of coverage for all operators of a motor vehicle.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill could increase administrative expenses for the Department of Insurance (DOI) to the extent that the DOI modifies rules, guidelines, or publications to incorporate the new requirements. Additionally, violators may be subject to a hearing by the Commissioner of Insurance. The bill's requirements are within the DOI's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

Explanation of State Revenues: As a result of a hearing, violators may be ordered to cease and desist and the Commissioner may order the payment of a civil penalty of at least \$500 and not more than \$50,000 for each violation of the bill's provisions. Civil penalties imposed and collected are deposited in the state General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DOI.

Local Agencies Affected:

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Information Sources: IC 27-17-14-1.

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